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Tax Relief *Won't* Cut Farm Programs

PRESIDENT'S CLAIMS ARE PURE POLITICS OF FEAR

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- < The President falsely claims that tax relief would trigger huge cuts in a variety of government programs, including those providing a safety net for farmers.
- < These attacks are *blatant scare tactics*, rooted in simple politics. Here are the facts:
 - Our budget provides \$6 billion in *additional income support for farmers* over the next 5 years. *The President's budget provided no additional support for farmers.*
 - There are *no cuts in farm programs* in our budget.
 - Tax relief is intended to return the non-Social Security portion of the surplus to the American people. *It will not trigger even one dollar's worth of automatic spending cuts in farm programs or any other program.*
 - Congressional leaders have made clear that if the President signs tax relief legislation, they will take steps to change outdated budget rules to ensure that no automatic cuts occur in farm programs or any other important programs.
- < **Why does the President really oppose tax relief? Because his budget priorities call for *almost a trillion dollars in new spending over the next 10 years!***

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